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MULTI-CHANNEL OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAT CONTROLS OPTICAL REFLECTION FOR EACH CHANNEL AND OPTICAL TRANSMITTING

AND RECEIVING APPARATUS THEREFOR

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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